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Review of Canada's transport of dangerous goods training provisions

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Introduction

1. Canada is currently reviewing its transport of dangerous goods training provisions and is considering implementing the concept of Competency Based Training and Assessment in its *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations*. The objective of this document is to provide information to the Sub-Committee as to Canada's progress in this review.

2. This document follows the Dangerous Goods Trainers Association's (DGTA) working paper on Competency Based Training (CBT) submitted to the Sub-Committee at its fifty-first session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2017/26). The paper highlighted the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) initiative to implement CBT for the transportation of dangerous goods by air and proposed CBT for consideration and discussion by the Sub-Committee from a multimodal perspective.

3. Since 2016, Canada has made advancements in policy development and consultations of its regulatory strategy. A white document was launched for public

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consultation from December 2016 to February 2017, where Transport Canada received feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders including industry, regulators, trainers, non-governmental organizations and the general public. Over 60 comments on the approach were received. The white paper can be accessed online at https://letstalktransportation.ca/part6.

4. Transport Canada, together with the Canadian General Standards Board, is in the process of developing a dangerous goods training standard which may be incorporated by reference in domestic transportation of dangerous goods regulations.

5. A technical committee tasked with the development of the draft standard was established in fall 2017. It consists of over 30 members of industry, regulators and training providers. The technical committee met in December 2017 and in March 2018 and will meet again in June and October 2018. To date, six working groups have been established to develop specific sections of the draft standard.

Proposal

6. The expert from Canada will continue to update the Sub-Committee on the progress of work with regards to the development of the draft standard.